

Abstract

5 The present invention is directed to a technique for collaborative
browsing among users at two or more different PCs. In an illustrative system in
accordance with the present invention, copies of selected URLs are shared among
collaborating PCs, each of which uses the URL to retrieve the corresponding document.
In this system, a PC is configured to select hyperlinks for itself and one or more other
PCs. Each URL corresponding to a selected hyperlink is communicated via the Internet
(using standard Internet protocols) to a server. The server broadcasts the URL to the
10 collaborating PCs each of which retrieves the corresponding document in conventional
fashion. The server knows the IP addresses of the collaborating PCs through a
collaboration set-up process which occurs in advance of the actual collaborative
browsing session.